



PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

TIMBER HARVEST

GENERAL INFORMATION

Within Liberty Lake, the authority to engage in logging operations or other types of forest practices may be granted from either the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) or from Liberty Lake Planning and Community Development, depending upon the activity and its location. Forest Practice Permits are administered by the DNR for logging and other activities that impact forested areas. A forest practice can be classified as I, II, III, or IV Special or General. For information and assistance, contact the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Northeast Regional Office in Colville, Washington, or call 1-800-527-3305.

This handout serves as a brief overview on Timber Harvests, for more information on specific requirements, please refer to the City of Liberty Lake Municipal Code.

Timber Harvest Permits issued by Liberty Lake are required where logging activities will:

- Occur on lands platted after January 1, 1960
- Result in the Conversion of forest land to any other use
- Be conducted on any lands within the Urban Growth Area (UGA)
- Occur in conjunction with road construction within the UGA

Work Exempt from a Liberty Lake issued Timber Harvest Permit includes:

- Timber harvests covered by a Forest Practice Permit issued by the DNR on lands outside the UGA
- Logging on lands within the UGA where a nonconversion commitment has been negotiate with the DNR
- Logging on land which has already been recognized for conversion by a prior land use action supplemented with a completed Environmental Checklist
- Harvests of less than 5,000 board feet for personal use

How Do I Apply For A Permit?

- Completed Project Application
- Conversion Site Development Plan
- Logging Site Plan Environmental Checklist

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Additional Submittal Requirements that may be needed include:

- Drainage plan & calculations
- Soils / geotechnical report
- Wetlands / stream delineation report
- Grading plan
- Road plans
- Erosion sediment control plan

What Is A Moratorium?

A moratorium essentially locks a parcel of land into a forestry use. No permits for development or conversion can be approved for property under a moratorium. Moratoriums can result from these types of action:


- The DNR submits to the City of Liberty Lake a copy of the Notice of Moratorium signed by the landowner recognizing that the property will not be converted to another use for a period of six years
- Within the UGA the landowner submits to the DNR a statement of intent that the property is under an approved forest management plan and will not be converted to another use for a period of ten years; or
- A development moratorium may be imposed for an unspecified period of time in response to a property owner's failure to comply with the provisions of the Timber Harvest Ordinance.

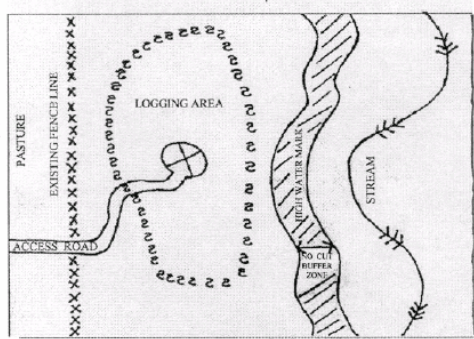
Very limited provisions exist within the Timber Harvest Ordinance to lift or grant exceptions to a moratorium.

An Administrative Exception to a moratorium may be granted to allow construction of a single family home. Full release from a moratorium must follow procedures for land use actions that includes a public hearing before the Hearing Examiner.







Consult the current P&CD Fee Schedule for fees applicable to Timber Harvest Permits.

Logging Site Map

SCALE  1" = 100'



Legend:

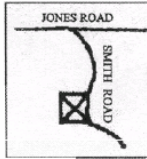
 LANDING	 WETLANDS
 NO CUT BUFFER	 LOGGING AREA
 STREAM	 FENCE

Name _____

Address _____

Legal Description _____

Proposed Conceptual Conversion Map Required



Please note that while every effort is made to assure the accuracy of the information contained in this brochure it is not warranted for accuracy. This document is not intended to address all aspects or regulatory requirements for a project and should serve as a starting point for your investigation.

For detailed information on a particular project, permit, or code requirement refer directly to applicable file and/or code/regulatory documents or contact the City of Liberty Lake Planning & Community Development Department.

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